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Attorney's Docket No. IMEC229.001AUS

DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR PREPARING AN ELECTROPLATING BATH AND RELATED COPPER PLATING PROCESS; the specification of which was filed on December 12, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/017,453.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application listed below.

Application No.: 60/257,649

Filing Date: December 22, 2000

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION**Priority
Claimed**

No.: EP 00870299.5

Country: Europe

Date Filed: December 13, 2000 Yes

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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